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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YOSHINOBU SHIRAIWA, et al.)
Application No.: 09/111,731)
Filed: July 8, 1998)
For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
APPARATUS, METHOD AND)
RECORDING MEDIUM THEREFOR)

Examiner: J. Brier
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT¹

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as

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